

CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-48. (cancelled)

49. (currently amended) A printing system for printing image data, which is selected from image data to be supplied from a supplier device by a user device, comprising:

a printer, which comprises:

a first connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to said user device;

a second connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet;

a request reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said user device by said first connection ~~means~~ unit and ~~receiving~~ receive request data from said user device;

a notification means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet by said second connection ~~means~~ unit and ~~notifying~~ notify said supplier device of the request data and ~~a model~~ identification information of said printer;

an image reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet by said second connection ~~means~~ unit and ~~receiving~~ receive image data corresponding to the request data from said supplier device; and

a printing ~~means for printing~~ unit configured to print the image data received by said image reception unit, and

wherein said supplier device comprises:

a management unit configured to manage information indicating a printer that can guarantee safety of the image data;

a determination ~~means for determining~~ unit configured to determine whether said printer ~~that has notified said supplier device of the identification information is a printer that can guarantee safety of the image data on the basis of~~ based on the information managed by said management unit and the model identification information of said printer notified by said notification ~~means~~ unit; and

an image transmission ~~means for transmitting~~ unit configured to transmit the image data to said printer, when said determination ~~means~~ unit determines that said printer is a printer that can guarantee the safety of the image data.

50. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said printer further comprising:

a transmission ~~means for connecting~~ unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet by said second connection ~~means~~ unit and ~~transmitting~~ transmit, to said supplier device, charge information in response to print by said printing ~~means~~ unit.

51. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said printer further comprising;

a charge information storage ~~means for storing~~ unit configured to store said charge

information; and

~~a deletion means for deleting unit configured to delete~~ said charge information from said charge information storage ~~means unit~~ after having sent said charge information to said supplier device in case that a power-off operation of said printer has been detected.

52. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said printer further comprising:

~~a image data storage means for storing unit configured to store~~ the image data received by said image reception ~~means unit~~;

~~a deletion means for deleting unit configured to delete~~ said image data from said ~~image data storage means unit~~ in case that the image data has been stored in said storage ~~means unit~~ for a predetermined time, or in case that the power-off operation of said printer has been detected.

53 - 54. (cancelled)

55. (currently amended) A control method for controlling a supplier device on a supplier side that supplies image data, comprising:

managing information indicating a printer that can guarantee safety of the image data;

~~a determination step for determining whether a printer~~ that has notified said supplier device of identification information of the printer is a printer that can guarantee safety of the image data on the basis of based on the managed information and a model the notified

identification information of said printer ~~notified by said printer~~; and

~~an image transmission step~~ of transmitting the image data to said printer, when
~~said determining step determines it is determined~~ that said printer can guarantee the safety of the
image data,

wherein said printer comprises:

a first connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to a user device
on a user side;

a second connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to said
supplier device via the Internet;

a request reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said user
device by said first connection ~~means~~ unit and ~~receiving~~ receive request data from said user
device;

a notification means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier
device via the Internet by said second connection ~~means~~ unit and ~~notifying~~ notify said supplier
device of the request data and ~~a model~~ identification information of said printer;

an image reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said
supplier device via the Internet by said second connection ~~means~~ unit and ~~receiving~~ receive
image data corresponding to the request data from said supplier device; and

a printing means for printing unit configured to print the image data received.

56. (cancelled).